

**Barbados Statistical Service**  
**Statistical Bulletin**  
**Retail Price Index**  
**June 2018**  
**(Base: July 2001=100)**

The Retail Price Index for June 2018 increased by 0.8% in comparison to May 2018, moving from 182.3 to 183.8 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 2.5 points or 1.1%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 0.6 of a point or 0.3%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 5.7 points or 3.6%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 2.4 points or 1.5%.

Health remained unchanged.

Transport increased by 5.1 points or 3.1%.

Communication remained unchanged.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.

Education increased by 0.1 of a point or 0.02%.

Restaurants and Hotels increased by 1.8 points or 0.6%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 3.2 points or 2.6%.

**Major Group Indices By Month**  
**Retail Price Index**  
**(Base July 2001 = 100)**

**Table 1. Group Indices for June 2017 to June 2018**

| MONTH       | FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS | CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS | FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | HEALTH | TRANSPORT | COMMUNICATION | RECREATION AND CULTURE | EDUCATION | RESTAURANTS | MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES | ALL ITEMS |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|--------|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Weight      | 3011                             | 373  | 332                   | 1735   | 857  | 278    | 1338      | 383           | 383                    | 64        | 314         | 932                              | 10000     |
| <b>2017</b> |                                  |  |                       |  |  |        |           |               |                        |           |             |                                  |           |
| June        | 225.0                            | 191.9                                      | 95.5                  | 149.9  | 149.2  | 203.4  | 151.3     | 158.0         | 97.5                   | 440.8     | 289.5       | 111.9                            | 174.3     |
| July        | 229.1                            | 198.9                                      | 93.5                  | 148.4  | 150.1  | 203.6  | 157.5     | 158.0         | 97.7                   | 440.8     | 289.3       | 113.2                            | 176.5     |
| August      | 234.6                            | 204.6                                      | 93.3                  | 150.6  | 151.9  | 203.7  | 156.9     | 158.0         | 98.2                   | 448.6     | 271.1       | 118.9                            | 179.4     |
| September   | 237.6                            | 204.3                                      | 93.0                  | 152.3  | 155.6  | 203.9  | 158.0     | 158.0         | 99.5                   | 448.6     | 272.1       | 119.9                            | 181.3     |
| October     | 240.4                            | 208.4                                      | 92.7                  | 156.9  | 156.0  | 204.1  | 162.3     | 158.0         | 100.8                  | 448.6     | 279.1       | 119.2                            | 183.9     |
| November    | 243.8                            | 207.9                                      | 91.4                  | 157.2  | 153.7  | 203.8  | 162.4     | 158.2         | 101.4                  | 449.9     | 276.0       | 121.9                            | 184.9     |
| December    | 244.9                            | 207.4                                      | 91.1                  | 156.4  | 154.4  | 203.9  | 161.9     | 158.2         | 100.9                  | 449.9     | 277.3       | 121.5                            | 185.0     |
| <b>2018</b> |                                  |  |                       |  |  |        |           |               |                        |           |             |                                  |           |
| January     | 240.0                            | 209.2                                      | 89.6                  | 156.0  | 155.8  | 203.8  | 161.0     | 158.2         | 94.7                   | 449.9     | 281.3       | 121.3                            | 183.4     |
| February    | 240.0                            | 207.1                                      | 89.2                  | 160.4  | 156.4  | 209.3  | 159.7     | 158.2         | 98.0                   | 450.3     | 284.1       | 124.3                            | 184.6     |
| March       | 234.8                            | 206.9                                      | 89.1                  | 160.2  | 155.8  | 209.3  | 164.9     | 158.2         | 96.2                   | 450.3     | 285.8       | 124.3                            | 183.6     |
| April       | 230.6                            | 206.2                                      | 90.0                  | 159.5  | 154.6  | 209.4  | 160.3     | 158.2         | 97.7                   | 450.3     | 284.4       | 125.3                            | 181.6     |
| May         | 231.4                            | 207.2                                      | 88.8                  | 156.4  | 160.0  | 212.9  | 164.4     | 158.2         | 97.1                   | 453.5     | 286.7       | 123.9                            | 182.3     |
| June        | 228.9                            | 207.8                                      | 88.9                  | 162.1  | 162.4  | 212.9  | 169.5     | 158.2         | 97.3                   | 453.6     | 288.5       | 127.1                            | 183.8     |

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES**  
(Base : July 2001 = 100)

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements**  
**JUNE 2018**

| Groups   | Weights      | % of Basket Weight | Index May 2018 | Index June 2018 | Change Over May 2018 |            |
|--|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
|  |              |                    |                |                 | Points               | %          |
| 01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES                                   | 3011         | 30.1               | 231.4          | 228.9           | -2.5                 | -1.1       |
| 02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS                         | 373          | 3.7                | 207.2          | 207.8           | 0.6                  | 0.3        |
| 03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR  | 332          | 3.3                | 88.8           | 88.9            | 0.1                  | 0.1        |
| 04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS                   | 1735         | 17.4               | 156.4          | 162.1           | 5.7                  | 3.6        |
| 05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 857          | 8.6                | 160.0          | 162.4           | 2.4                  | 1.5        |
| 06. HEALTH   | 278          | 2.8                | 212.9          | 212.9           | 0.0                  | 0.0        |
| 07. TRANSPORT  | 1338         | 13.4               | 164.4          | 169.5           | 5.1                  | 3.1        |
| 08. COMMUNICATION  | 383          | 3.8                | 158.2          | 158.2           | 0.0                  | 0.0        |
| 09. RECREATION AND CULTURE   | 383          | 3.8                | 97.1           | 97.3            | 0.2                  | 0.2        |
| 10. EDUCATION  | 64           | 0.6                | 453.5          | 453.6           | 0.1                  | 0.02       |
| 11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS   | 314          | 3.1                | 286.7          | 288.5           | 1.8                  | 0.6        |
| 12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES                                   | 932          | 9.3                | 123.9          | 127.1           | 3.2                  | 2.6        |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>   | <b>10000</b> | <b>100</b>         | <b>182.3</b>   | <b>183.8</b>    | <b>1.5</b>           | <b>0.8</b> |

**Table 7a. Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index**

| Month                  | All Items index |              |              |              | Percentage Change |            |            |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
|                        | 2015            | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2016              | 2017       | 2018       |
| January                | 168.7           | 166.1        | 174.2        | 183.4        | -1.6              | 4.9        | 5.3        |
| February               | 166.3           | 164.9        | 173.5        | 184.6        | -0.8              | 5.2        | 6.4        |
| March                  | 164.9           | 164.9        | 172.9        | 183.6        | 0.0               | 4.9        | 6.2        |
| April                  | 166.1           | 165.6        | 172.0        | 181.6        | -0.3              | 3.9        | 5.6        |
| May                    | 167.1           | 169.5        | 173.4        | 182.3        | 1.4               | 2.3        | 5.1        |
| <b>June</b>            | <b>168.5</b>    | <b>169.6</b> | <b>174.3</b> | <b>183.8</b> | <b>0.7</b>        | <b>2.8</b> | <b>5.5</b> |
| July                   | 168.6           | 173.5        | 176.5        |              | 2.9               | 1.7        |            |
| August                 | 168.8           | 173.0        | 179.4        |              | 2.5               | 3.7        |            |
| September              | 168.9           | 173.5        | 181.3        |              | 2.7               | 4.5        |            |
| October                | 167.9           | 172.6        | 183.9        |              | 2.8               | 6.5        |            |
| November               | 167.6           | 174.2        | 184.9        |              | 3.9               | 6.1        |            |
| December               | 167.2           | 173.6        | 185.0        |              | 3.8               | 6.6        |            |
| <b>Annual Averages</b> | <b>167.5</b>    | <b>170.0</b> | <b>177.5</b> | <b>183.2</b> | <b>1.5</b>        | <b>4.4</b> | <b>3.2</b> |

**Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period**

| Month       | Average All Items Index |              |              |              | Inflation   |            |            |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
|             | 2015                    | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2016        | 2017       | 2018       |
| January     | 169.6                   | 167.3        | 170.7        | 178.3        | -1.3        | 2.0        | 4.4        |
| February    | 169.5                   | 167.2        | 171.4        | 179.2        | -1.4        | 2.5        | 4.5        |
| March       | 169.3                   | 167.2        | 172.1        | 180.1        | -1.3        | 2.9        | 4.7        |
| April       | 169.2                   | 167.2        | 172.7        | 180.9        | -1.2        | 3.3        | 4.8        |
| May         | 169.1                   | 167.4        | 173.0        | 181.7        | -1.0        | 3.4        | 5.0        |
| <b>June</b> | <b>169.0</b>            | <b>167.5</b> | <b>173.4</b> | <b>182.5</b> | <b>-0.9</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>5.3</b> |
| July        | 168.9                   | 168.9        | 173.6        |              | 0.0         | 2.8        |            |
| August      | 168.7                   | 168.2        | 174.2        |              | -0.3        | 3.5        |            |
| September   | 168.6                   | 168.6        | 174.8        |              | 0.0         | 3.7        |            |
| October     | 168.3                   | 169.0        | 175.7        |              | 0.4         | 4.0        |            |
| November    | 167.9                   | 169.5        | 176.6        |              | 1.0         | 4.2        |            |
| December    | 167.5                   | 170.0        | 177.5        |              | 1.5         | 4.4        |            |

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# MONTHLY INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES

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## ALL ITEMS INDEX

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